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Velcome to the one hundred and twenty-sixth vissue of THE REAL GHOSTBUSTERS AND SLIMER, and as you can see Peter is rising above his current predicament. The Real Ghostbusters have to dress up in their new uniforms in order to trace the source of the strange holes that keep appearing all over New York. You can read all about these demonic doorways in a story called Paranormal Portals!

Winston is a man possessed — literally — in the first of this week's strips entitled Feeling Peculiar! He is not quite feeling himself as a demon has taken him over, but will The Real Ghostbusters be able to bust their friend? Apart from all the normal nightmarish features, there is the final instalment of The Witch! Will The Real Ghostbusters be able to help Tarantula the cat with the aid of their little green friend — Slimer?

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SPENGLER'S PIRIT SUIDE

Possession is, as any good lawyer will tell you, ninetenths of the law. However, in certain circumstances (as you might read about in Koldyhanz and Bagshaft's Possession: A Beginner's Guide) possession ceases to be nine-tenths the law and becomes ten-tenths of a pain in the neck.

Possession is a particular

characteristic of demons who have got nothing better to do of a Sunday, and who also cannot exist in any of their natural manifestations in our dimension. This non-stability problem has become increasingly embarrassing to all manner of demons over the years. They teleport to our Universe for the first time, appear (looking all towering and menacing and dramatic), get halfway through shouting the line 'Flee, foolish and puny mortals, before my demonic wrath!' before collapsing in a small, liquified heap on the floor that looks like a semi-set lime jelly. This is due to ecto-instability. Even great huge, massively pointy-toothed demons like Gozer are afflicted with it -Gozer couldn't appear in this dimension in his own form, that's why he had to inhabit (or 'possess') the host form of the giant Mr. Stay-Puft, The Marshmallow

A good few demons can't really afford seven thousand metric tonnes of

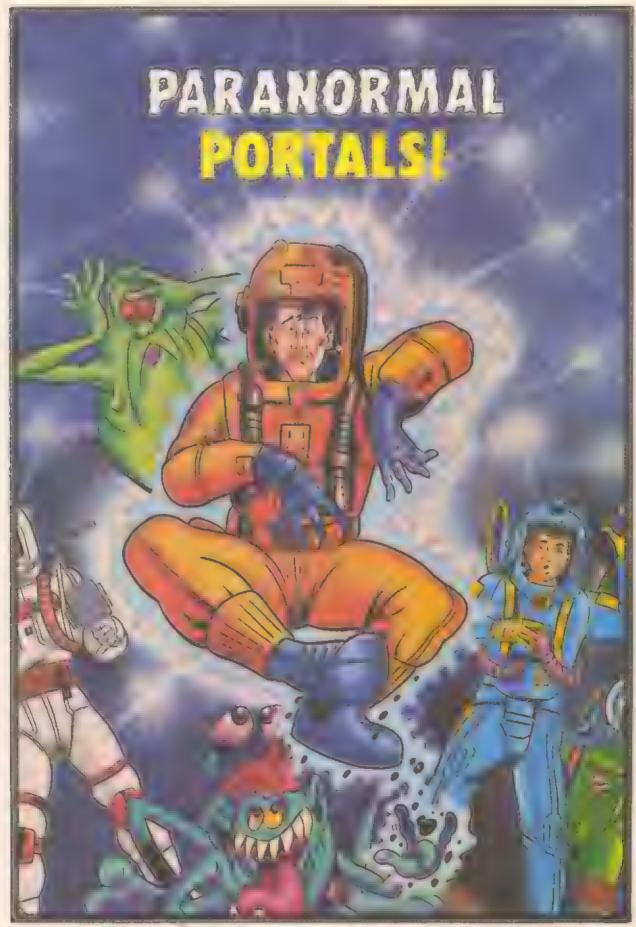


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finest marshmallow as their petty cash won't stretch that far. They elect to follow a much more straightforward way of finding a suitable host body through which to explore our dimension and possess humans. Possession is an embarrassing social problem that can affect anyone in any walk of life. Often, the possession is noticed by the afflicted person's friends and family, but no one likes to mention it and the sufferer can go on unhelped for many years. Chris Wibble of Coventry was possessed by a malodorous Yldammic Pit Fiend in 1978, but no one had the ... heart to mention his breath and body odour problem to him for over six years. Martha Yolande was possessed whilst performing the part of Desdemona in a sixth-form production of

Othello, Such was the force of the possession, that Martha shot nine feet into the air and then crashed down through the platform floor and brought the scenery down on top of her. Even so, the possession took a good few weeks to diagnose, as her parents thought it was just a stage she was going through. In the notorious Bundleville Disaster of 1956, young Martin Lutzwiler found himself the focus of attention for two demonic possessors, a Class seven Mirewraith and a Class six Barrowwight. Both of these foul creatures had their heart set on possessing young Martin, and struggled for over nine hours to control him. Control switched between

the two during this time. and by the time Martin fell semi-conscious to the floor. and the two defeated fiends had sped homewards to the Supercosmos, he had burnt the house down, eaten his father's collection of ties, mowed a persian rug and told Mrs. Wheel clamp from number 61 that she was a 'fretful old noseburp' when she complained that he was knocking down her privet hedge with a lacrosse racket. When Martin's mother came home and got her son out of police custody, he first words were 'Martin, I don't know what on earth possessed you. . .'



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New suits, new science! But can The Real Ghostbusters find any new ghosts?

t was seven o'clock in the morning when the fire alarm rang through The Real Ghostbusters' HQ more loudly than it had ever done before. Egon looked up calmly from his book, One Hundred Ways To Greet A Poltergeist In Urdu.

"Excellent," he said quietly. "Better than

I had hoped,"

"What's better than you'd hoped?" shouted Ray, who only heard Egon because he was sitting next to him. "I

can't hear myself think!"

"The fire bell is now attuned to the level of danger we're about to face," Egon explained, as the bell in the lounge promptly threw itself off the wall.

"You mean, the louder the bell, the more dangerous the job?" asked Winston,

looking down at the bell.

"It's a useful new addition to our

operation," explained Egon.

"You see, the bell now has a multisetting which Janine selects upon receiving a call —"

"It's okay, Egon, we understand. I just don't think we agree with you about the 'useful' aspects of a bell that wakes you from the dead."

"Oh, it won't do that," Egon replied, sliding down the firepole to ECTO-1. "It

isn't attuned with the occult."

"Warp gate on Fifty-Ninth and Fourth," snapped Janine, handing Egon a piece of paper with one hand and taking cotton wool out of her ears with the other. "Sounds like you may need the new Ectosuits. Reports of sludge monsters and wraith-like beings stopping traffic."

Ten minutes later, thanks to a piece of snappy driving by Ray that avoided all the new roadworks on Broadway, ECTO-1 pulled up at a strange glowing light on Fifty-Ninth and Fourth. Weird blasts of pure ectoslime shot from the orb of purple-green light. New Yorkers stopped to stare as a sludge monster started to consume a hot dog stand. "Shades of Slimer," said Peter. "This looks bad!"

"My sentiments exactly, Peter," murmured Egon as he studied a PKE Meter. "That trans-warp gate could open further if my readings are correct. We'll have to close it as soon as possible."

"Just how do we do that?" asked Ray, as the sludge monster started to amble towards them. Winston reached for his Proton Gun and started to aim it.

"Hmm – I would suggest an incursion into the extra-dimensional intrusion at the soonest available time envelope."

Egon explained.

Winston leapt from ECTO-1 and blasted the sludge monster, which gave a withering scream and vanished into the Ghost Trap thrown in its direction. "He means, we've got to get into that orb and find out what opened the gate to here," said Winston. "Let's go,"

"Not without the new suits," Egon said sternly. "We're talking trans-dimensional, sub-slime and ecto-protoplasm regenera-

tion here."

"I thought you just said it was very dangerous," Ray replied, getting into his new suit. Peter groaned as Egon passed him his. "Not these things. I still haven't worked out all the controls, Egon."

"Plenty of time to test them in field conditions, Peter." With that the four Ghostbusters started to put their suits on, checking over the seals, the range of instruments necessary for survival in many other dimensions and adjusting them according to the PKE readings from Egon's meter. Suddenly, Peter let out a scream. "There's slime in my suit!" he raged. "All down the left leg, all over the helmet. Slimer's been sleeping in it. I'll -" "As long as the oxygen and heat controls work, you'll be fine," Egon snapped. "There's no time to worry about a little discomfort now. That warp gate is getting larger!" Egon's PKE Meter started to squeal furiously in agreement. Peter groaned and squelched into the costume, looking furious. "Noise, slime, and early morning busts - my three

favourite things!" he moaned through gritted teeth. "Any moment now a Class nine demon will turn up and my day will be made!" Despite his complaints, he still followed the other Real Ghostbusters through the warp gate and into — into a strange nothing, a blank blackboard filled with odd lights and even odder sounds. "I don't like this," said Winston, looking round and raising his Proton Gun. "This is all too quiet."

"I agree with Winston," said Ray. "Where are all the monsters coming from?"

Egon raised his PKE Meter and motioned to an indistinct blur in front of them. "The source of the main activity seems to be coming from that indistinct blur."

"Which indistinct blur is that, Egon," said Peter, as slime dribbled down the inside of his helmet and on his nose. "I'm seeing a lot of indistinct blurs right now!" "Guns on!" shouted Egon. "Something big, coming this way right n-"

"Oooooow!" screamed Peter, rising off the 'floor' and spinning round in sur-

prise. "Put me down!"

A peculiar, knobbly, angry-looking ghost popped into sight below Peter and snarled at the other Ghostbusters. "Whatva doin' here?!"

"We were about to ask you the same thing, dude," said Ray, firing up his Proton Gun. "You're causing a lot of trouble on our turf."

"Our turf?" shouted the ghost, jumping

up and down with rage.

"This is my turf! I got a contract! I got eviction orders! You're trespassing!" The ghost held up a peculiar orb of blue crystal. "I bought this pocket dimension fair and square and what do I find? Illegal tenants! Squatters! It gets worse every millenium. Next you'll be finding shared housing and a fair rent act. I don't know what the demons are playing at "Hares"

"Hmm," said Egon, as Peter continued to hover, arms flapping, above the ghost's head. "We could be involved in a very complicated case of ghostly law here."

"You mean, this ghost has every right to open warp gates and send sludge monsters to New York, eating our hot dog stands? No way, Egon!" said Winston. "I say we blast the sucker now!"

With that, Winston turned to the ghost. "Hey, you got a clause in your contract that says you can litter other dimensions with your 'illegal tenants'?"

"Er," said the ghost, looking at the blue crystal in his hand, "I don't think so."

"I know what I think," said Peter, finally getting to the floor and raising his Proton Gun. "We just found ourselves a legal loophole. You're history!"

"Wait!" said the ghost. "Just tell me why you're doing this. Where are you from?" "We're from New York, pal," said Peter.

"On Earth. Mean anything to you?"
"You must be The Real Ghostbusters!"
smiled the ghost. "It's those suits you see,
they fooled me. I'm your greatest fan!"

"You are?" said Ray.

"Of course," said the ghost. "You're the best landlords I've known. What's it like looking after an entire planet? What do you do with all the rent you collect? Is it true that the Ecto-Containment Unit houses up to twenty-three thousand, four hundred and twenty-one ghosts and assorted paranormal forces without the need for water, ventilation and a proper damp proofing system? Ponquadragor speaks very highly of you and —"

Peter's Proton Gun blasted at the ghost and in seconds it was in the trap. The blue crystal fell to the floor with a clink. "Time to go home," smiled Peter.

"But aren't you interested in exploring this dimension?" asked Egon, as Peter started to step through the rapidly closing warp gate. "Doesn't the idea of strange worlds and new civilisations appeal to you?"

"Maybe after dinner next Wednesday!"

Ray replied.

As Egon stepped back into New York, glum-faced, Peter smashed the crystal and the warp gate snapped shut. "Why'd you get so angry with that ghost anyway, Peter?" asked Ray. "It's not like you at all!"

"Hey," Peter replied. "I can take a lot of things but if there's one thing that's worse than loud noises in the morning and slime in my boots, it's floating six feet off the ground on an empty stomach! Let's get some breakfast!"





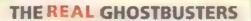












THE ELEMENTALS



A spate of mysterious fires had lit up the routine of The Real Ghostbusters, but the really weird thing about the fires was that they were being put out just as mysteriously by an ugly, squidgy, blue monster.

When they arrived on the scene, Egon picked up traces of Psycho-Kinetic Energy and suddenly a Class four Fire Elemental made the situation hot up. No sooner did the fiery fiend alight on the scene than an equally menacing Class four Water Elemental floated along. The Real Ghostbusters were getting their fingers burnt and generally being rained

on by these Elementals, when they tried out their newly developed Ecto-splat Guns.

These weapons proved to be a bit of a wash out, but luckily Egon had a flash of inspiration, not to mention perspiration!

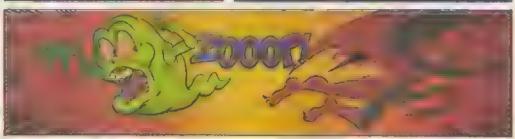
Peter and Winston trapped the Fire Elemental in their proton streams and Egon and Ray trapped the Water Elemental in theirs. Then, they carefully brought them together whilst avoiding crossing the streams, and with a huge KER-FIZZZI the two Elementals dissolved in a cloud of steam.

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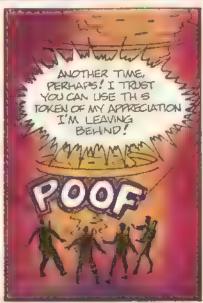


















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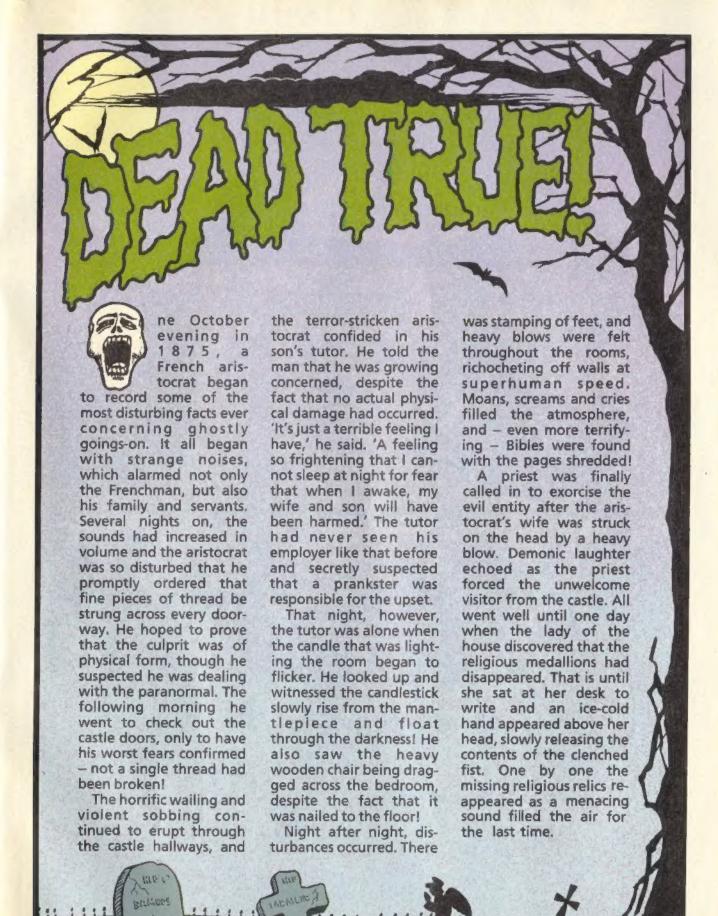
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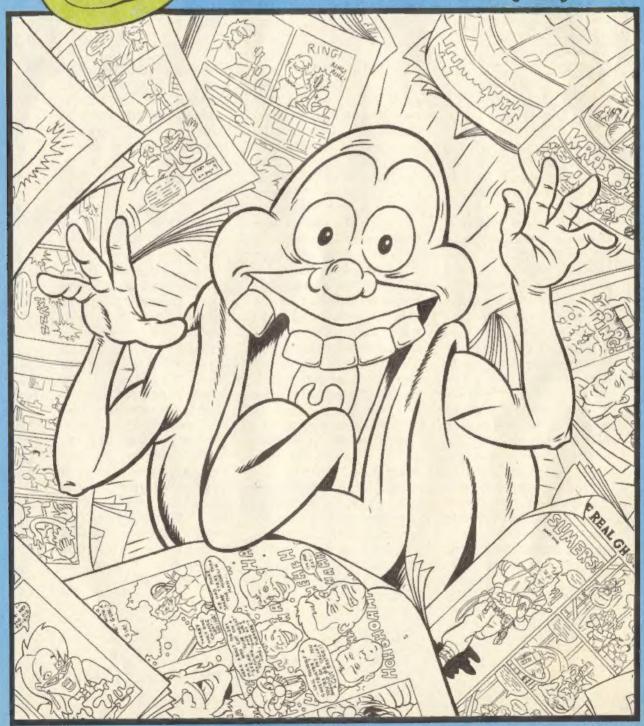
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